

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           A system for providing a local user with the identities of users with which a  
remote user has been communicating. In response to selection of a remote user by the  
local user, a display is provided of persons with whom that remote user has been  
communicating. Any specific communication mode of the remote user may be  
monitored, including instant messaging, electronic mail, IP (Internet Protocol) phone,  
10   electronic meeting ("emeetings"), etc. The users with which the remote user has been  
communicating may be presented in various ways, such as lists of names, rows of  
pictures, etc. Indication of the type of, direction of, and/or initiator of the  
communications between the displayed users and the selected remote user may also be  
presented in a variety of ways, such as through modified picture formats, and/or  
15   additional visual or textual information presented in association with each person in the  
list.